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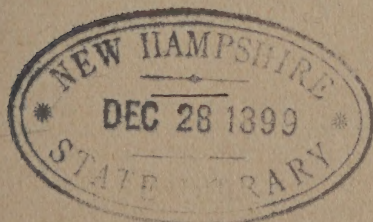
TOWN OF HOLDERNESS,

—TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE—

Overseer of the Poor,

Collector of Taxes, Treasurer and School Committee,

For the Year 1883.



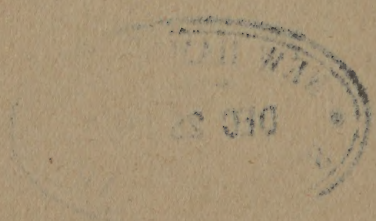
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF HOLDERNESSE.

1883.		DR.
Nov. 3,	Received on Town Notes,	\$500
" 10,	" " "	1,071
Dec. 5,	" of State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	22 50
	" " " Savings Bank	
	tax,	287 48
	Received of State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	68 85
	" " Crow and Wood-	
	chuck Bounty,	8 70
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		\$1,958 53

Paid as follows, N. B. Whitten, Treasurer:

1883.		CR.
Nov. 3,	Paid N. B. Whitten, Treasurer,	\$500
" 10,	" " "	1,071
Dec. 6,	" " "	387 53
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		\$1,958 53

By paying Town Expenses by Order.

1883.		CR.
Mar. 10,	Paid R. R. D. Dearborn, for printing 300 town reports,	\$15
Apr. 2,	Joseph Huntress, for registering one birth,	25
7,	J. B. Sanborn, for books and blanks,	10 80
11,	W. M. Wallace, for services as Super- visor, to Mar. 1st, 1883,	2
May 15,	George F. Cummings, for services as Supervisor, to Apr. 25th, 1883,	6
	J. B. Huckins, for services as Moder- ator, and to pay Burleigh & Adams for opinion,	3

Sept. 21;	Paid E. A. Hibbard, counsel fee, question of unworked highway tax,	\$1
Oct. 2,	R. W. Musgrove, for school notices in 1880,	1 15
Dec. 20,	Stephen Ethridge, car fare to Concord and back to pay State tax,	3 70
1884.		
Feb. 9,	Town of Plymouth, 1-2 expense of lighting Pemigewassett bridge,	11 68
15,	James L. Wilson, counsel fee in B. B. Willoughby's case vs. the town,	230
18,	Marcus M. Sargent, furnishing wood, care of Town House, fencing town lot,	8
20,	N. B. Whitten, to paid returns of deaths and births,	4 75
	J. B. Huckins, for services as Collector for 1883,	70
	J. B. Huckins, for postage, stationary and printing tax bills,	1 65
	Freeman L. Wallace, for services as Supt. School Committee,	35
	N. B. Whitten, for services as Clerk and Treasurer for 1883,	50
	N. B. Whitten, for stationery and other goods,	6 26
	Stephen Ethridge, for services as Selectman,	64
	Stephen Ethridge, for board of Town officers,	16
	Stephen Ethridge, for use of horse and carriage,	5
	Stephen Ethridge, for cash expenses,	4 50
	Henry B. Jewell, for services as Selectman,	46
	Daniel S. Hawkins, for services as Selectman,	44
	N. B. Whitten, to returns of deaths and births,	1 83
	Nahum B. Shaw, for services as Supervisor and Auditor,	12
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		\$653 57

Roads and Bridges by Order.

1883.		
Apr. 2,	Paid Oliver P. Drew, for breaking roads in District No. 11,	\$2
11,	William M. Wallace, for breaking roads in District No. 8,	23
17,	C. R. Berry, for breaking roads in District No. 9,	13
28,	Freeman L. Wallace, damage to plow on road,	3 51
May 15,	E. C. Bennett, for damage to plow,	6
	“ “ breaking new road,	28
June 16,	Lemuel P. Cochran, damage to plow on the road,	6
July 7,	Thomas Cochran, for breaking roads in District No. 10,	21 85
	David T. Mason, for breaking roads in District No. 7,	13 66
	O. H. P. Craig, for use of watering trough for 1882,	2
	Loren W. Mooney, for breaking road in District No. 8,	2 50
10,	Harrison Carr, for breaking road in District No. 3,	11
26,	Enoch Cousins, for 550 ft. of bridge plank,	6 60
Sept. 29,	Moody C. Mudgett, for use of watering trough,	2
	Harrison Carr, for use of watering trough,	2
	B. F. Jewell, for breaking roads in District No. 8,	8 67
Nov. 10,	Simeon D. Eastman, for breaking roads in District No. 3,	2 35
16,	Stephen Dinsmore, for breaking roads in District No. 9,	7 26
24,	C. R. Berry, damage to plow on the road,	4
	William B. Ames, for lumber, spikes and labor,	15 66
Dec. 20,	Daniel S. Hawkins, for watering trough and labor,	2 81
	B. F. Mudgett, for powder and fuse,	2

1884.		
Feb. 9,	Paid Alva R. Eastman, for use of watering trough,	\$1
18,	Henry C. Felch, for use of watering trough,	2
20,	O. H. P. Craig, for use of watering trough for 1883,	2
	Almore W. Smith, for use of watering trough,	1
	John S. Davison, for use of watering trough,	3
	Nahum B. Shaw, for use of watering trough,	2
	Charles F. Smith, for labor on new road,	1 25
	Leroy Beaty, for breaking road in District No. 8, spring of 1883,	2
	Albert Kimball, for bridge plank and stringers,	6
	James W. Boynton, 54 ft. of bridge plank,	81
	Chas. A. Burleigh, powder and fuse,	2 50
21,	Nathan B. Sleeper, for two watering troughs,	3
	Ira M. Jones, for use of watering trough,	2
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		\$214 43

Sheep Damage by Dogs.

1883.		
Nov. 24,	Paid C. R. Berry, for one lamb killed,	\$4 50
1884.		
Jan. 26,	Stephen Dinsmore, for 2 sheep killed,	6
Feb. 16,	Timothy B. Sanborn, 1 " "	3
20,	Benjamin Piper, for 1 " "	8
	Ira M. Jones, for 1 sheep killed and one lamb damaged,	4
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		\$25 50

Crow and Woodchuck Bounties.

Paid on 75 crows and 2 woodchucks,	\$7 70
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School House Tax, District No. 2.

1883.		
Dec. 8,	Paid W. H. Calley, Agent,	\$15

J. B. Huckins, agent in B. B. Willoughby case.

1884.		
Jan.	Paid J. B. Huckins, to pay Bingham, Aldrich and Remic. in case of B. B. Willoughby vs. the Town,	\$400
Feb. 20,	J. B. Huckins, to pay expenses in B. B. Willoughby case vs. the Town,	2 80
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		\$402 80

Pauper Bills by Order.

Paid Daniel H. Cox, Overseer,	\$425
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School Money by Order.

Paid the several school districts their school money,	\$697 16
Literary fund of 1883,	24 19
Unexpended Literary fund of 1882,	32 16
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	\$753 51

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received by cash,	\$1,958 53
“ of orders given on the treas.,	2,497 51
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	\$4,456 04

Which is Accounted for as Follows:

Paid Town Treasurer cash received on town notes,	\$1,571
“ “ of State Treas.,	387 53
Paid Town Expenses, by order,	\$653 57
Roads and Bridges, “	214 43
Sheep Damage, “	25 50
Crow and Woodchuck bounty, “	7 70
School House Tax, Dis. No. 2, “	15
J. B. Huckins, agent, “	402 80
Pauper Bills, “	425
School Money, “	697 16
Literary Fund, “	24 19
Unexpended Literary Fund of 1882, by order,	32 16
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	\$4,456 04
Town debt on notes March 1st, 1884,	\$4,917

We have reduced the debt \$1,224 04 the past year, besides paying all our bills including law expenses. Over \$2,000 00 of our debt is running on three per cent. interest, and the balance on four per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN ETHRIDGE,	}	Selectmen
HENRY B. JEWELL,		of
DANIEL S. HAWKINS,		Holderness.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen with the Town of Holderness, for the year 1883, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched,

NAHUM B. SHAW, Auditor.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JONATHAN B. HUCKINS, Collector of Taxes, in account with the Town of Holderness, for the year 1883.

	DR.
To State, County, Town and School Tax,	\$3,556 25
Non-resident Tax,	313 82
“ Highway Tax,	287 04
Dog Tax,	64
School House Tax, District No. 2,	15 67
“ “ “ 3,	25 84
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	\$4,358 46
	CR.
By paid N. B. Whitten, Treasurer,	\$3,795 28
Non-resident highway tax worked out,	204 64
Abatements,	32 21
“ on dogs,	2
“ of school house tax, District No. 3,	25 84
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	\$4,059 97
Amount uncollected,	\$298 49
Amount uncollected for the year 1880, 1881 and 1882,	\$335 82

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

D. H. Cox, Overseer of the Poor, in account with the Town of Holderness, from Feb. 1883 to Feb. 1884.

To Cash received as follows:

		DR.
1883.		
Mar. 25,	To cash of Town Treasurer,	\$75
May 5,	“ “	75
9,	“ * County of Grafton,	65
Aug. 16,	“ Town Treasurer,	50
28,	“ “	60
Oct. 12,	“ D. H. Currier, belonging to Mary J. Burley,	200
17,	“ Treasurer,	60
Nov. 14,	“ County of Grafton,	118 04
Dec. 25,	“ Treasurer,	25
1884.		
Jan. 7,	“ “	50
Feb. 17,	“ “	30
	“ D. H. Currier, belonging to Mary J. Burley,	60

\$868 04
CR.

By Cash paid as Follows:

1883.		
Mar. 21,	Sam. Greenleaf, for support of Mrs. G. W. Marden and two children, 4 weeks to Mar. 20,	12
Apr. 3,	Dr. E. Huckins, medical aid Mrs. Marden,	2 50
May 3,	S. Greenleaf, support of Mrs. G. W. Marden and two children, 6 weeks to May 3,	18
5,	J. P. Clark, support Phebe Clark, 9 weeks to May 1,	13 50
7,	G. Morse, support of G. L. Drew, 10 weeks to May 1,	10
28,	E. Brown, to county farm 3 days,	4
	Cash for expenses to county farm,	8 50
31,	County money paid to treasurer,	65
	David T. Mason, for horses and carriage to county farm 3 days,	10
June 9,	A. A. Brown, medicine for Mudgett girls, P. H. & S., for box to send to county farm,	40
29,	S. Greenleaf, support of Mrs. G. W. Marden and two children to May 10,	25
Aug. 9,	Car fare to Concord,	3
16,	N. B. Whitten, for 2 bbls. flour for S. Curry,	3 30
		13 25

Aug, 16,	N. B. Whitten, for bill of goods for Oliver R. Steward,	\$5
	N. B. Whitten, for bill of goods for child at H. B. Greenleaf's,	2 52
	M. M. Sargent, for carriage,	25
17,	N. B. Whitten, bill of goods for M. Surreth,	3 44
18,	Pease & Batchelder, " " "	5 75
23,	G. W. Morse, support of G. L. Drew from May 1, to July 1,	8 67
	H. B. Greenleaf, support of E. Marden to May 15,	12
Sept. 18,	N. A. Smith, support of M. J. Burley 5 weeks,	12 50
Oct. 4,	R. B. Piper, " " 2 2-7 weeks,	5 72
17,	Cash paid over to treasurer, belonging to Mary J. Burley,	200
19,	Cash to Currier & Calley, for crutches,	1 50
Nov. 8,	C. Boynton, for support of M. J. Burley, from Oct. 4, to Nov. 8, 5 weeks,	13 75
	J. P. Clark, for support of Phebe Clark to Oct. 8,	34 50
	J. P. Clark, Funeral expenses *for Phebe Clark,	11
	J. P. Clark, medical aid for Phebe Clark by Dr. Huntress,	3 75
10,	G. W. Morse, support of G. L. Drew, 17 6-7 weeks to Nov. 1,	8 78
20,	County money paid to treasurer,	118 04
1884.		
Jan. 7,	C. Boynton, support of M. J. Burley 8 weeks,	22
9,	Cash paid Harriet H. Cox, for cash paid Drs. Jones and Bartlett, aid for Ira W. Cox,	5 50
	H. H. Cox, cash paid Dr. Huckins, Ira W. Cox,	5
	H. H. Cox, cash paid Dr. Spaulding, Ira W. Cox,	1 50
	A. E. Porter, for medicine for Ira W. Cox,	1 50
10,	G. Morse, support of G. L. Drew 10 weeks,	10
Feb. 5,	Dr. Spaulding, medical aid for Ira W. Cox,	12 78
12,	C. A. Boynton, support of M. J. Burley, 8 weeks to Mar. 1,	22

Feb. 12,	T. B. Sanborn, support of Huldah M. Horn, from Dec. 1 to Mar. 1,	\$6 35
	G. Morse, support of G.L. Drew 7 weeks,	7
	D. S. Hawkins, medicine for Ira W. Cox,	1 25
15,	Dr. Garey, two visits to	3
18.	Dr. Spaulding, one visit to	1 42
	Cash paid to treasurer, belonging to M. J. Burley,	60
	Postage and stationery,	62
	Horse and carriage out of town,	12 75
	Cash for expenses,	9 50
	D. H. Cox, services as Overseer of Poor,	75
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		\$868 04

Respectfully submitted, D. H. Cox, Overseer of Poor.

AGENT'S REPORT.

JONATHAN B. HUCKINS, Agent, for the Town of Holderness, in the B. B. Willoughby lawsuit.

1881.		DR.
Dec. 20,	To cash received of Town Treasurer,	\$22
1882.		
Feb. 18,	" " "	18 22
1883.		
Jan. 27,	" " "	121
1884.		
Jan.	" " "	400
Feb. 20,	" " "	2 80
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		\$564 02

Accounted for as follows:

1881.		CR.
Dec. 20,	Paid B. B. Worthen, for services and expenses in B. B. Willoughby lawsuit,	\$20
1882.		
Feb. 18,	Paid Jonathan B. Huckins, for services in said lawsuit,	15
	Paid for horse and carriage,	3
	" expenses,	2 22
Nov. 22,	Witnesses in B. B. Willoughby case as follows: Joel Hodge,	74 50
	Edward L. Shepard,	4 47
	T. B. Rogers,	4 95

Nov. 22,	Mrs. B. B. Worthen,	\$4 47
	Daniel C. Worthen, and fee for sunimons,	5 20
	Jonathan B. Huckins,	1 61
1884.		
Feb. 20,	Paid Jonathan B. Huckins, for services in	
	B. B. Willoughby lawsuit,	21 50
	Horse and carriage,	4
	Expenses,	2 80
	Postage and stationery,	30
Jan.	Bingham, Aldrich & Remic, for services	
	and expenses in B. B. Willoughby law-	
	suit,	400
	Selectmen paid J. L. Wilson's bill for ser-	
	vices in said lawsuit.	

\$564 02

Respectfully submitted, JONATHAN B. HUCKINS, Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. B. WHITTEN, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Holderness, from Feb. 23, 1883, to Feb. 27, 1884.

Feb. 24,'83,	To balance in treasury,	\$249 20
	Received of H. B. Greenleaf, Coll.'81-2,	816 64
	“ County by D. H. Cox,	
	Overseer,	183 04
	“ Mary J. Burley by “	260
	“ Selectmen Railroad tax,	22 50
	“ “ Savings Bank tax,	287 48
	“ “ Literary Fund,	68 85
	“ “ Crow and Wood-	
	chuck Bounty,	8 70
	“ Selectmen, hired money,	1,571
	“ J. B. Huckins, Coll.,	3,795 28
	Total received,	<u>\$7,262 69</u>
1883.		CR.
	By paid on orders,	\$2,473 70
	Notes,	3,099 55
	State tax,	516
	County tax,	796 30
	Cash in treasury to balance,	<u>377 14</u>

\$7,262 69

Town debt on notes, Mar. 1, 1884,

\$4,917

Respectfully submitted, N. B. WHITTEN, Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the account of N. B. Whitten, Treasurer, for the year 1883, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched. NAHUM B. SHAW, Auditor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1. Two terms taught by Miss Louisa V. George. Length of summer term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$22. Whole number of pupils 18, average daily attendance 16. Number attending to reading 18, spelling, arithmetic and geography 16, penmanship 8, grammar 4, history, physiology and book-keeping 2. Length of fall term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$22. Whole number of pupils 18, average daily attendance 18. Number attending to reading and spelling 19, penmanship and grammar 10, arithmetic 17, geography 14, composition 6, history and philosophy 2.

DISTRICT No. 2. This district is under the supervision of the committee of Ashland.

DISTRICT No. 3. Two terms taught by Miss Nellie J. Clark. Length of summer term 6 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils 14, average daily attendance 12. Number attending to reading, spelling and penmanship 14, arithmetic 12, geography 6, history 2. Length of fall term 9 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils 22, average daily attendance 15. Number attending to reading and spelling 22, penmanship 14, arithmetic 18, geography 12, history 1. The class of geography in this school I consider the best in town.

DISTRICT No. 4. Two terms by Miss S. Grace Curry. Length of summer term 6 1-2 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$17. Whole number of pupils 16, average daily attendance 14. Number attending to reading and spelling 14, penmanship 5, arithmetic 8, geography 1, history 3. Length of fall term 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$18. Whole number of pupils 17, average daily attendance 15. Number attending to reading and spelling 14, penmanship 5, arithmetic 8, geography 1, history 3.

DISTRICT No. 5. Three terms. The spring and summer terms taught by Miss Nettie M. Jones. Length of spring term 9 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils 17, average daily attendance 10. Number attending to reading and spelling 17, penman-

ship and geography 8, arithmetic 11, grammar 2, history 5, algebra 1. Length of summer term 4 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils 12, average daily attendance 10. Number attending to reading and spelling 12, penmanship 6, arithmetic 8, geography 4, grammar and history 3, algebra 1. Fall term taught by Miss Ida A. Willoughby. Length of term 5.8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils 11, average daily attendance 9. Number attending to reading and spelling 11, penmanship 10, arithmetic 9, geography 6, grammar 3.

DISTRICT No. 6. One term taught by Miss Carrie L. Hodsdon. Length of term 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$24. Whole number of pupils 17, average daily attendance 10. Number attending to reading and spelling 17, penmanship 12, arithmetic 15, geography 13, history 1.

DISTRICT No. 7. One term taught by Mrs. Delia E. Kelley. Length of term 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$19. Whole number of pupils 10, average daily attendance 6. Number attending to reading and spelling 10, penmanship and geography 7, arithmetic 9, grammar and history 2.

DISTRICT No. 8. One term taught by Miss Lilly M. Worthen. Length of term 11 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$18. Whole number of pupils 7, average daily attendance 5. Number attending to reading 7, spelling, arithmetic and penmanship 5, geography 1.

DISTRICT No. 9. Two terms taught by Miss Martha W. Ethridge. Length of summer term 7 weeks; wages of teacher per month, with board, \$14. Whole number of pupils 15, average daily attendance 13. Number attending to reading and spelling 15, penmanship 10, arithmetic 11, geography 5, grammar 6. Length of fall term 13 weeks; wages of teacher per month, with board, \$14. Whole number of pupils 18, average daily attendance 15. Number attending to reading and spelling 18, arithmetic 14, penmanship 10, geography 6, grammar 7, history 1.

DISTRICT No. 10. One term taught by Miss Rosa R. Sanborn. Length of term 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$12.40. Whole number of pupils 5, average daily attendance 5. Number attending to reading and spelling 5, penmanship, arithmetic and geography 4.

DISTRICT No. 11. Two terms. Summer term taught by Miss Sara S. Huckins. Length of term 4 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$22. Whole number of

pupils 9, average daily attendance 7. Number attending to reading and spelling 9, penmanship 4, arithmetic 8, grammar and history 3, algebra 1. Fall term taught by Miss Lutheria Sanborn. Length of term 6 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$22. Whole number of pupils 10, average daily attendance 9. Number attending to reading and spelling 10, arithmetic 6, geography 5, grammar 2, penmanship and composition 4.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1. First term, Nellie S. Rogers, Elinor J. Swett, Andrew F. Swett. Second term, Ida M. Smith, Elinor J. Swett, Andrew F. Swett.

DISTRICT No. 3. Second term, George S. Wiggins.

DISTRICT No. 4. First term, Viola V. Evans, Granville Sargent. Second term, Bennie Sargent, Viola V. Evans, Frank E. Jewell.

DISTRICT No. 5. First term, Clarence E. Jones, Blanche S. Jones. Second term, Blanche S. Jones.

DISTRICT No. 6. Addie Smith, Thomas H. Batchelder.

DISTRICT No. 7. Otis Scruton, Lydia Scruton.

DISTRICT No. 9. First term, Arthur S. Bennett, Mark H. Bennett, Hattie F. Lee. Second term, Hattie Lee, Arthur S. Bennett, Mark H. Bennett, Charles F. Bennett.

DISTRICT No. 11. First term, Bertha Boynton. Second term, Bertha Boynton. REMARKS.

While I have reason to be pleased with the success of the most of our schools the past year, yet, in some of the districts, the schools were not just what they had ought to have been; mostly on account of poor order and discipline. Good order is the foundation of a successful school, and without it a school is pretty apt to be a failure, or very near it. Of the ten different teachers teaching in town the past year, only one taught for the first time, viz: the one teaching in No. 4, and I think she had as good success as any of the older and more experienced teachers. In fact, her school was all that I could ask for in every respect.

The schools, or some of them, were shortened on account of the reduction made at March meeting, of the amount raised in addition to what the law requires. Although it did not make as much difference this year as it will next, as there was dog tax enough to make up about half the deficiency, and some of the districts had some money back. But this year we shall get no dog tax, and none of the districts, so far as I can learn, have got any money back. So that if we do not increase the appropriation for school purposes at this Town meeting, our

schools will be a great deal shorter next year than this. I think that three hundred dollars, in addition to what the law requires is little enough for this town. It would economize more to increase it to four hundred, than to reduce it to two hundred, for, if we have school money enough, we can educate our children just as well at home as to send them away to school, and at one-tenth of the cost, for one or two hundred dollars tax makes but a very little difference in each individual's tax—so small they would never know the difference.

I know it is claimed by those opposed to raising any additional sum for school purposes, that adjoining towns in which we have union districts do not raise money, except what the law requires, and we are using our money to educate their children. But, with the exception of Ashland, this is not so, and Ashland is a small town with a larger inventory and population than Holderness, and the law requires it to raise a larger amount for school purposes. In District No. 1, of Ashland, last year the amount of school money in that district alone exceeded the amount of school money for our whole town, by about five hundred dollars. So that any one can see there is no need of raising any additional sum for school purposes in Ashland.

In District No. 9 they gave the wood, and board of teacher; an example which might be followed with profit in some of the other districts. I know it is not quite so pleasant for a teacher, but it makes a great difference in the length of a school.

In my report last spring, I spoke about the condition of the text books and that something ought to be done to secure a uniformity of text books throughout the town. As I was the committee this year, it fell to my lot to do it. Perhaps my manner of doing it might seem a little independent, but it was the only way it could be done successfully. I expected some opposition, but am glad to say I met with none of any account. I think the parents realized that it was for their benefit and not mine. I did not receive a cent of commission; what little there was I gave to Mr. Whitten. The only book changed was the geographies; the other new books were used to complete the introductions of previous committees. I do not see now as there is need of changing text books again for years, with the exception of the arithmetics and these should be changed. Greenleaf's old common school arithmetic is rather behind the times, and besides there are two or three other kinds used in town, and I think a new arithmetic should be introduced to supercede them all, and I hope my successor will give it his earliest attention. F. L. WALLACE, School Committee.